

## **Coordinator (Part Time) for the Boston Desegregation and Busing Initiative**

The Boston Desegregation and Busing Initiative (BDBI) is looking for a part-time Coordinator. We are organizing forums, partnerships, and exhibitions on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the momentous desegregation court case and subsequent busing for the Boston Public Schools.

This was perhaps the most important series of events in Boston's history in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Boston's reputation across the country was shaped by the incidents of racism, violence, division that embroiled the city. People still carry the trauma from these events and the Boston Public School system is still shaped in way for better and for worse by those events.

The BDBI has taken on the challenge of trying to in our agenda of events and organizing to answer the questions of what happened, lessons learned, and what next for the Boston Public Schools. A committee of 40 people who were community leaders then and new, teachers in this period, and even "kids on the bus" who were bused and are now in their 50's and 60's.

We already ran 3 successful events in the fall of 2023. These were a kickoff press conference at the Massachusetts State House. A premier of the GBH American Experience documentary, "The Busing Battleground" that included Mayor Wu and Superintendent Skipper speaking. And our first forum, "Organizing for Education Equity and Desegregation, led by the Black Community, 1960-1974".

### **Duties**

Work with Co-Chairs Karilyn Crockett and Lew Finfer and the BDBI Committee to organize events for this commemoration.

1. Planning and carrying out planned forums.
2. Organizing additional forums that get added.
3. Work with neighborhood teams on neighborhood events.
4. Work with partners, the Boston Public Schools, Mayor's Office, GBH, Embrace Boston, Facing History and Ourselves, the Archives at Northeastern, UMass Boston, Suffolk University, City of Boston on ways to add to the initiative.
5. Expand and bring the exhibition that's been begun of photos, letters, student essays to planned events.
6. Serve as a liaison to media on coverage of our initiatives including forum and the special September 13 tour for media.
7. Help with fundraising proposals and follow up needed with funders.

**Hours:** 15-20 a week based on flow of the work.

**Pay:** \$35 to \$50 an hour depending on experience

**How to apply:** Send cover letter on why you are interested in this position, your key qualifications and related experiences along with a Resume to [LewFinfer@gmail.com](mailto:LewFinfer@gmail.com)